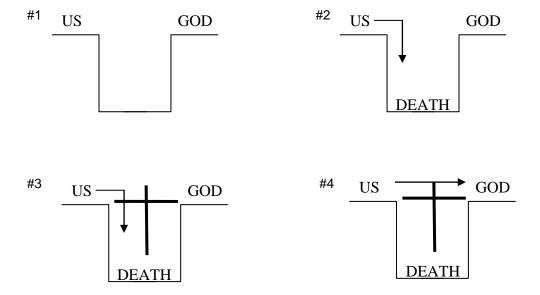


Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

YOU WILL LIVE A LIFE THAT COUNTS IF YOU LIVE FOR THE RIGHT
Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth Ecclesiastes 12:1
Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them"; before the sun and the light, the moon and the stars are darkened, and clouds return after the rain; in the day that the watchmen of the house tremble, (and) and mighty men stoop, () the grinding ones stand idle because they are few, () and those who look through windows grow dim; () and the doors on the street are shut as the sound of the grinding mill is low, () and one will arise at the sound of the bird, () and all the daughters of song will sing softly. (weakening of the) Furthermore, men are afraid of a high place and of terrors on the road; (increased) the grasshopper drags himself along, () and the caperberry is ineffective. (loss of desire) For man goes to his eternal home while mourners go about in the street Ecclesiastes 12:1-5
2. Before you Remember Him before the silver cord is broken and the golden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by the well is shattered and the wheel at the cistern is crushed; ⁷ then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it Ecclesiastes 12:6-7
YOU WILL LIVE A LIFE THAT COUNTS IF YOU LIVE BY THE RIGHT
In addition to being a wise man, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge; and he pondered, searched out and arranged many proverbs. ¹⁰ The Preacher sought to find delightful words and to write words of truth correctly. ¹¹ The words of wise men are like goads, and masters of <i>these</i> collections are like well-driven nails; they are given by one Shepherd. ¹² But beyond this, my son, be warned: the writing of many books is endless, and excessive devotion <i>to books</i> is wearying to the body Ecclesiastes 12:9-12
The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person Ecclesiastes 12:13
"this applies to every person" (NIV = "for this is the whole duty of man.") = literally, "this is the man"
YOU WILL LIVE A LIFE THAT COUNTS IF YOU LIVE WITH THE RIGHT

For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil. - Ecclesiastes 12:14



John 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.